

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A housing for an interactive computer system, comprising:
a tabletop having an interior;
~~a frame therein for supporting~~ a display oriented to be viewed from over the tabletop;
a frame within the interior of the tabletop supporting the display;
a viewing orientation selector changing the orientation of the display;
a base for supporting at least a portion of the tabletop, the base having a first end, a second end and a hollow section disposed between the first and second ends, the hollow section adapted for receiving a cord including at least one of: a network communication line, a telecommunications line and an electrical transmission line; and
wherein the tabletop further including an opening for receiving the cord from the base.
2. (Original) The housing of claim 1, wherein the frame is positioned to allow the display to be oriented in a substantially vertical alignment compared to the tabletop.
3. (Original) The housing of claim 1, wherein the frame is positioned to allow the display to be oriented at a predetermined angle from a seating position of the tabletop.
4. (Original) The housing of claim 1, further comprising the display.
5. (Original) The housing of claim 4, further comprising:
the cord, wherein the cord provides at least one of electrical power and display data to the display.

6. (Original) The housing of claim 4, further comprising:
at least one of: a water-resistant, a water-proof and water-tight surface disposed above the tabletop for enclosing the display within the tabletop.
7. (Original) The housing of claim 6, wherein the surface is substantially flat.
8. (Original) The housing of claim 6, wherein the surface comprises at least one of: a transparent and a translucent material through which the display may be viewed.
9. (Original) The housing of claim 4, wherein the frame is further provided for supporting a computer.
10. (Original) The housing of claim 9, further comprising the computer.
11. (Original) The housing of claim 10, further comprising:
the cord, wherein the cord provides at least one of electrical power and network data to the computer.
12. (Original) The housing of claim 11, wherein the cord is further provided for transmitting network data from the computer.

13. (Original) The housing of claim 10, further comprising:
an input device for transmitting command data to the computer, the command data entered by a user.
14. (Original) The housing of claim 13, wherein the input device is a keyboard.
15. (Original) The housing of claim 14, wherein the keyboard is disposed within the tabletop.
16. (Original) The housing of claim 14, wherein the keyboard is disposed within at least one of: a water-proof, a water-tight, and a water-resistant covering.
17. (Cancelled)
18. (Original) The housing of claim 14, wherein the input device is a lockout device for preventing at least one of: a change in a viewing orientation of the display and an input from a second input device.
19. (Original) The housing of claim 14, wherein the input device is a receiver for receiving wireless input signals from a remote device.

20. (Original) The housing of claim 14, wherein the input device is at least one of a touch pad, a touch-screen, a mouse and a camera.
21. (Original) The housing of claim 10, further comprising:
an output device including at least one of: a speaker, a television signal receiver, a radio signal receiver and a printer.
22. (Original) The housing of claim 10, further comprising:
a currency acceptor for accepting a currency value from at least one of: a deposited coin, a deposited currency note, a credit card, a debit card, a smart card, a telephone calling card, a financial account identifier and a pre-paid telephone card, the currency acceptor for transmitting the currency value to the computer as a payment for a service.
23. (Original) The housing of claim 22, wherein the service includes at least one of:
an Internet access, a rental of an input device, a rental of a game, a restaurant bill, and a product ordered through the computer.
24. (Original) The housing of claim 10, wherein the computer comprises a communication port operatively connected to the cord for transmitting data between the computer and a network.
25. (Original) The housing of claim 24, wherein the network comprises at least one of:
a local-area network, a wide-area network, an Internet and an Intranet.

26. (Original) The housing of claim 25, wherein the computer receives access limitation

data from a server connected to the network.

27. (Original) The housing of claim 10, wherein the computer stores user login data for a

predetermined time.

28. (Original) The housing of claim 27, wherein the predetermined time is substantially a

difference between a user login time and a user logoff time.

29. (Original) The housing of claim 4, further comprising:

the cord for connecting the display to a remote server; and

an input device connected to the remote server via the cord, the cord for transmitting a command signal from the input device to the remote server and for transmitting a display signal from the remote server to the display.

30. (Original) The housing of claim 1, further comprising:

a telephone operatively connected to the cord.

31. (Original) An interactive computer system, comprising:

a tabletop;

a display disposed within the tabletop for providing an image; and

a viewing orientation selector for changing an orientation of the image to accommodate a plurality of seating positions.

32. (Original) The system of claim 31, wherein the display has a substantially vertical alignment in comparison to the tabletop.

33. (Original) The system of claim 31, wherein the display is oriented at a predetermined angle from a seating position of the tabletop.

34. (Original) The system of claim 31, further comprising: at least one of: a water-proof, a water-resistant and a water-tight surface disposed above the tabletop for enclosing the display within the tabletop.

35. (Original) The housing of claim 34, wherein the surface is substantially flat.

36. (Original) The housing of claim 34, wherein the surface comprises at least one of: a transparent and a translucent material, with the display visible therethrough.

37. (Original) The system of claim 31, further comprising the computer.

38. (Original) The system of claim 37, further comprising:
an input device for transmitting command data to the computer, the command data entered by a user.

39. (Original) The system of claim 38, wherein the input device is a keyboard.

40. (Original) The system of claim 39, wherein the keyboard is disposed within the tabletop.

41. (Original) The system of claim 39, wherein the keyboard is disposed within at least one of: a water-proof, a water-resistant and a water-tight covering.

42. (Original) The system of claim 38, wherein the input device is a lockout device for preventing at least one of: a change in the orientation of the image and an input from a second input device.

43. (Original) The system of claim 38, wherein the input device is a receiver for receiving wireless input signals from a remote device.

44. (Original) The system of claim 38, wherein the input device is at least one of a touch pad, a touch-screen and a camera.

45. (Original) The system of claim 31, further comprising:
an output device including at least one of: a speaker, a television signal receiver, a radio signal receiver and a printer.

46. (Original) The system of claim 31, further comprising:
a currency acceptor for accepting a currency value from at least one of: a deposited coin, a deposited currency note, a credit card, a debit card, a smart card, a telephone calling card, a financial account identifier and a pre-paid telephone card, the currency acceptor for transmitting the currency value to the computer as a payment for a service.

47. (Original) The system of claim 46, wherein the service includes at least one of:
an Internet access, a rental of an input device, a rental of a game, a restaurant bill, and a product ordered through the computer.

48. (Original) The system of claim 31, wherein the computer comprises a communication port operatively connected to a cord for transmitting data between the computer and a network.

49. (Original) The system of claim 48, wherein the network comprises at least one of:
a local-area network, a wide-area network, an Internet and an Intranet.

50. (Original) The system of claim 49, wherein the computer receives access limitation data from a server connected to the network.

51. (Original) The system of claim 31, wherein the computer stores user login data for a predetermined time.

52. (Original) The system of claim 51, wherein the predetermined time is substantially a difference between a user login time and a user logoff time.

53. (Original) The system of claim 31, further comprising:
a cord for connecting the display to a remote server; and
an input device connected to the remote server via the cord, the cord for transmitting a command signal from the input device to the remote server and for transmitting a display signal from the remote server to the display.

54. (Original) The system of claim 31, further comprising: a telephone.